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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of patent application Serial No. 09/839,794, filed on April 19, 2001, and entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A SINGLE SYSTEM IMAGE IN A CLUSTERED ENVIRONMENT, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred.

- ☒ A preliminary amendment is attached. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Filed" table.

**CLAIMS PRESENT**

| Claims Remaining:  | Highest Number Previously Paid For: | Number Extra | Rate       | Fee                 |
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| Basic Filing Fee (Basic national fee + Examination fee + Search fee) |                                     |              |            | \$790.00            |
| <b>Total Claims</b>  |                                     |              |            |                     |
| 39   | 42                                  | 0            | x \$50.00  | = \$0.00            |
| <b>Independent Claims</b>  |                                     |              |            |                     |
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| <b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE</b>                                  |                                     |              |            | \$0.00              |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>  |                                     |              |            | <del>\$790.00</del> |

- ☒ A charge to the Deposit Account identified below in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the RCE Filing Fees.
- ☒ Address all future communications to the Attention of Jason S. Feldmar at Gates & Cooper LLP, Howard Hughes Center, 6701 Center Drive West, Suite 1050, Los Angeles, California 90045, Telephone: (310) 641-8797.

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